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Dear Concerned Citizen,

As a co-chair of the Assembly Ethics Committee, I want to personally tell you exactly what has been happening in Sacramento these past couple of days that have attracted much media attention.

The comments of former Assemblymember Mike Duvall that recently came to light obviously were grossly inappropriate. After his comments surfaced, an investigation began and Mr. Duvall has since resigned from the Assembly.

We have an important role in investigating any alleged conduct by a member of the Assembly that violates the Code of Ethics set forth in the Government Code or any other breach of standards of conduct. I take this role very seriously and consider the work of our committee very important.

Currently, the ethics committee is investigating all of the facts surrounding the comments and we will continue to thoroughly evaluate whether those facts indicate that a violation of the Code of Ethics has occurred.

Assemblymember Jeff Miller was removed from the Ethics Committee by Speaker Bass yesterday and replaced by Assemblymember Nathan Fletcher. This change was necessary because Mr. Miller is a potential witness who could have knowledge of facts that may be relevant to the investigation.

In the coming days, the Committee will need to consider the range of options that are legally available to it in investigating the facts and circumstances at issue. We will be as thorough, as transparent and as expeditious as possible in performing these important responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Paul Krekorian

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